

# Rockfish Bill Rejected By Committee, 13 to 7

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 24 (AP).—The bill to ban rockfishing during January and February was given an unfavorable report 13-7 today by the Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries Committee. It will be up for vote by the full House Friday.

R. E. Tiller, biologist at the Department of Research and Education, was questioned thoroughly by the committee before it voted.

He summed up his attitude when asked by Delegate J. Frank Raley, Jr. (D-St. Mary's), "Do you believe that netting in January and February has serious detrimental effects on rockfish?"

"No sir," the biologist replied emphatically.

"The bill would not achieve what it alleges," Tiller added. "It probably was well intended, but it would not do much good."

Meanwhile, Anne Arundel delegates started another battle against erection of a state office building in Baltimore with one crying there "is no justification other than political" to locate it there.

Inciting the Anne Arundel representatives is Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin's intention to ask \$3,263,000 more for the Baltimore project.

The Governor said he is going to send down the supplemental appropriation request soon:

"Every state agency which has been created in the last 25 or 30 years has been set up in Baltimore," complained Del. Whitmore (D-Anne Arundel), "and many agencies formerly in Annapolis have been moved to Baltimore until we now have in the constitutional capital of the state only a hollow shell of a capital."

He recalled the rising estimated cost of the Baltimore project, calling it a proposed "palace." First \$2,000,000 was appropriated in 1945, then \$8,000,000 more in 1952. At the same time, \$3,000,000 was authorized for a smaller building in Annapolis which had fought the Baltimore project every step.

Del. Raley (D-St. Mary's) used the occasion to repeat a Southern Maryland complaint about Gov. McKeldin and Baltimore.

"For four years, contrary to law, the Governor has appointed a tobacco inspector from Baltimore," Raley said. He referred to George Eierman, whom Southern Maryland tobacco growers have demanded be replaced by an inspector from their area.

Among the bills on which the

delegates completed legislative action today was one to give the Department of Health right of entry without a search warrant into places of business to make inspections.

The Senate for the fourth time, however, put off deciding whether to start annual property assessments this year instead of next.